

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please replace the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 8, which starts with “This application claims benefit,” with the following amended paragraph:

This application claims priority of U.S. provisional application Serial No 60/165,093 titled “Automatic Formatting and Validating of Text for a Markup Language Graphical User Interface” filed November 12, 1999.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the text of the original Abstract with the following text.

“A system and method for automatically performing validation and/or formatting procedures for a graphical user interface (GUI) described in a markup language file. The GUI markup language description may comprise descriptions of various types of GUI elements for which text is to be validated/formatted, such as form fields, tables, hypertext links, etc. The markup language file may include various custom markup language attributes in order to automatically validate/format text for a GUI element. Validation/formatting procedures for GUI elements may thus be based on custom markup language attributes and are managed by a manager that is automatically instantiated when the application parses the markup language file. This manager interfaces to receive programmatic events that trigger various types of formatting/validating operations to be performed on the GUI elements.”